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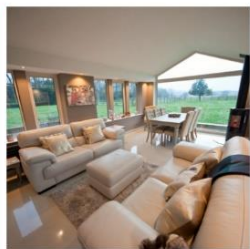
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From The Directors

Carol Drinkwater (Butter in a Lordly Dish)

As an avid reader of crime fiction and a lover of The Golden Age of crime books (1920-1939) this seemed like an ideal opportunity to direct this little-known work of its most famous member, Agatha Christie.

Christie belonged to the celebrated group of female crime writers of The Golden Age of Crime known as the Queens of Crime. Other writers included Dorothy L Sayers (Lord Peter Wimsey), Margery Allingham (Albert Campion) and Ngaio Marsh (Inspector Alleyn) Christie's own creations of Poirot and Miss Marple are renowned.

Butter in a Lordly Dish is a half hour radio play by Christie. First performed on the BBC Light Programme in January 1948.

The Radio Times advertised the play as follows:

"These words had a sinister ring but their meaning escaped Sir Luke until too late."

This one-act thriller contains one of Christie's most gruesome murders.

Jill Pearson (Cupboard Love)

My first debut with the Monday Players was in 1999. Since that time over the years I have taken many different roles and directed 4 plays and a Pantomime.

The last time at being director was 2013 "Salt of the Earth". I now find myself at the helm again with Cupboard Love by Jean McConnell, which is one of a collection of short plays from Deckchairs 3.

Peggy and Jane meet whilst jogging on the esplanade as they desperately try to fight the flab whilst being put through their paces by instructor Samantha. They find to their delight they have much in common, a passion for cooking and gentleman friends.

This is a play about passion and revenge. I hope you enjoy.

Andrew Faulkes (Strictly Sex Factor On Ice)

This is our third production of a David Tristram play about the hapless Am Dram group of Little Grimley. They haven't improved. Their audiences are still elusive, but their (always unachievable) aspirations remain undaunted.

Tristram is a current English comic playwright with many plays, films and a novel under his pen. He has a particularly clever way with dialogue and his farcical plays are very widely performed; he seems to delight in tempting groups like ours to stage them.

We hope that you will share some of the delight.

Join the MP

WHY NOT JOIN THE MONDAY PLAYERS...

We hope that you enjoy this Monday Players production. It is always nice to see so many familiar faces in the audience and some new ones too.

We are celebrating our 30th anniversary in 2023 and are always looking for new members. We put on two productions of various styles every year.

Would you like to join our eclectic team?

Whether you want to act, help out Front of House or backstage you would be given a warm welcome and discover a new and enjoyable hobby.

You will need to be 18 years old or over.

Please contact chair@mondayplayers.com with a few details and we will be in touch.



MP Online

LATEST NEWS

All the latest news from the society including announcements, upcoming events and society socials, new members, website updates and much more...

PAST PRODUCTIONS

All the shows we have produced since The Mondays Players was founded in 1993, which reflect our interests, ambitions and challenges over the years...

PHOTO AND VIDEO GALLERIES

Photos/videos from all the plays, pantomimes, cabarets and rehearsals down the years...

ABOUT US

History of the society, contact details for MP Officers and details of how to join our group...

PAST & PRESENT MEMBERS

Onstage and offstage history of all the members, past and present, plus those non-member helpers who have contributed to our productions...

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Cast

BUTTER *in a lordly dish*

Florrie Petter / Susan Warren
Mrs Petter / Lady Enderby
Sir Luke Enderby
Julia Keane
Hayward/Porter
Sound Engineer

Nicki Clay
Jill Pearson
Nigel Fisher
Alice Hoskins
Bob Wells
Geoff Stockill

The play begins in a boarding house off the Pimlico Road...

Cupboard love

Peggy Higlett
Jane Frobisher

Julia Birkett
Nicki Clay

On a seaside esplanade, Peggy and Jane stop to rest from jogging...

STRICTLY SEX FACTOR *on ice*

Joyce
Margaret
Bernard
Gordon

Linda Baillie
Helen Lawley
Trevor Brittain
Graeme Parker

It is a winter evening in a cold and uninviting village hall in Little Grimley.
The local Am Dram group is meeting...

Crew

DIRECTORS

Carol Drinkwater (Butter in a Lordly Dish)

Jill Pearson (Cupboard Love)

Andrew Faulkes (Little Grimley Presents Strictly X factor on Ice)

STAGE MANAGER

Mike Waters

LIGHTING

Tom Massey assisted by Geoff Stockill, Peter Reed and Mike Waters

SOUND

Geoff Stockill

TRANSPORT

Nick Leaf

PHOTOGRAPHY

Nancy Waters

HAIR

Alan Rome

TICKET SALES

Helen Lawley

PROGRAMME & POSTER DESIGN

Graeme Parker

SET DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Bob Wells assisted by Andrew Faulkes and Mike Waters

HALL BOOKINGS

Nicki Clay

FRONT OF HOUSE

Gary Bateson (manager) assisted by Alan Rome, Becky Hoskins, John Parker and MP Cast and Crew

BAR SERVICE

Anita and Barry Shipley

Ten Years Ago...

PLAYWRIGHT

Alan Ayckbourn

PERFORMANCE DATES

21st-23rd November 2013

DIRECTOR

Sadie Ashton

CAST

Neville Bunker - Graeme Parker
Belinda, his wife - Linda Baillie
Phyllis, his sister - Barbara Miller
Harvey, his uncle - David Lane
Bernard, Phyllis' husband - George Horne
Rachel, Belinda's sister - Jill Pearson
Eddie - Brian Rowland
Pattie, Eddie's wife - Nicki Clay
Clive - Phil Pickering



THE MONDAY PLAYERS
20TH ANNIVERSARY PRODUCTION

Alan Ayckbourn's
Season's Greetings
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The Village Hall, Escrick
Thu 21st, Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd Nov 2013
At 7.30pm

Tickets £6

Tickets available from:
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Members of The Monday Players

www.mondayplayers.com

It is Christmas at Belinda and Neville's house and they have invited their family for a traditional Christmas celebration. The guests include: Neville's exhausted sister Phyllis; her husband Bernard, a doctor whose annual puppet shows are the stuff of legend and terror to both young and old alike; Neville's friend Eddie and his pregnant wife Pattie; uncle Harvey, a slightly senile retired security guard and a television-addict; Belinda's unmarried sister, Rachel and Clive, a writer. Clive arrives late by train and is instead welcomed by Belinda, who is immediately attracted to him. He and Belinda attempt to fulfil their passions beneath the Christmas tree, but are discovered when they set off the various electronic toys and lights...



Past Productions

1993

Dec Season's Greetings

1995

May The Happiest Days Of Your Life

1996

Feb When We Are Married

Nov Fish Out Of Water

1997

May Breath Of Spring

Nov Bedroom Farce

1998

May Suddenly At Home

Nov Flying Feathers

1999

May Cabaret Evening

Nov Stepping Out

2000

Apr The Farndale Avenue Housing
Estate Townswomen's Guild
Dramatic Society Murder Mystery

Jun Millennium Cabaret

Nov Celebration

2001

May Last Tango In Whitby

Nov Fringe Benefits

2002

Jun Separate Tables / Dress Rehearsal

2003

Jan Red Riding Hood

May Joking Apart

Nov Blithe Spirit

2004

Mar Sand Castles

Jun Cabaret 2004

Nov Daisy Pulls It Off

2005

May 'Allo 'Allo

Nov Lord Arthur Savile's Crime

2006

May Witness For The Prosecution

Nov Party Piece

2007

May Outside Edge

Nov Caramba's Revenge

2008

Apr Comic Potential

Nov Angels In Love

2009

May Cabaret 2009

Nov Natural Causes

2010

May Pygmalion

Nov Taking Steps

2011

May Habeas Corpus

Nov Role Play

2012

May Diamond Jubilee Cabaret

Nov Key For Two

2013

May Ladies' Day

Nov Season's Greetings

2014

May Salt Of The Earth

Nov Relative Values

2015

May The Odd Couple

Nov Absurd Person Singular

2016

May A Respectable Funeral /
Last Tango in Escrick

Nov The Importance of Being Earnest

2017

May See How They Run

Nov Theft

2018

May How The Vote Was Won

Nov Par For The Course

2019

May The Ladykillers

Nov Hobson's Choice

2021

Nov Thermal Underwear /
Lockdown in Little Grimley

2022

May Abigail's Party

Nov Absent Friends

2023

May Rumours



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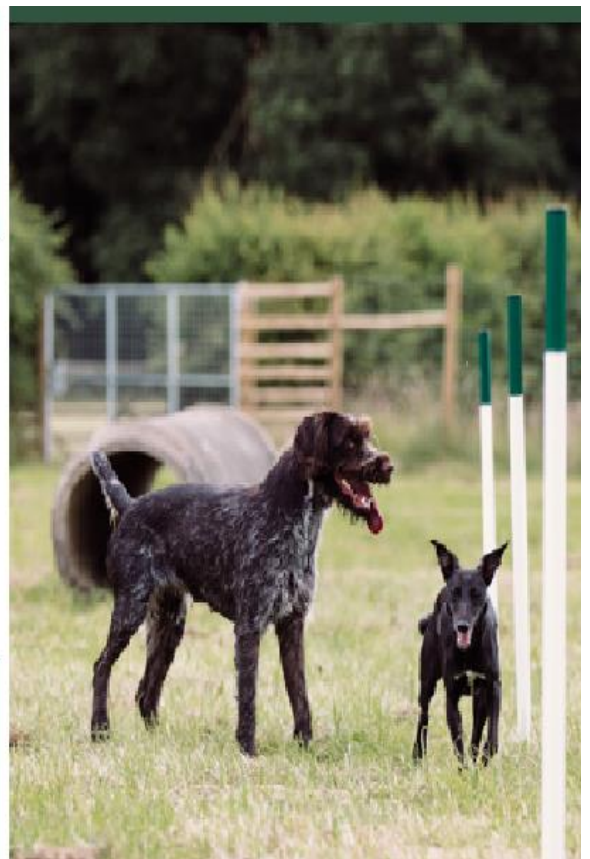
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- Preschool – Sally Clarke and her team
- Hot Tap Dance School – Sam Bolsher
- Derwent Danceworks – Kate Wolmersley

We would like to thank the following individuals / groups for their kind contributions to the production:

- Dog Tired / Escrick Park Estate / The Parsonage hotel / Eliments / Stone Connection – for their continued advertising support
- Mike Waters – for the loan of a deckchair (Cupboard Love)
- Philip Drinkwater – for making the doorbell and recording the announcement (Butter in a Lordly Dish)
- Bev Quinn – for allowing the MP's banner to be attached to her fence

Raffle tickets will be available from members before the start of the play. The raffle will be drawn during the second interval.

There will be two interval of 15 minutes between the first and second plays when the bar will re-open.

The play will finish at approximately 10pm.

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